### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

### **NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

### **DOCKET NO. 2007-319-W**

# SOUTH ATLANTIC UTILITIES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE AT MAY RIVER PLANTATION IN BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

South Atlantic Utilities, Inc. (South Atlantic or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges for the provision of water service. South Atlantic is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2006), providing water service to May River Plantation in Bluffton, South Carolina, pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Order No. 92-1037 (Docket No. 91-494-W). According to Order No. 92-1037 (issued on December 16, 1992), as of December 31, 1991, the Company furnished water service to nineteen customers in the May River Plantation area of Bluffton, Beaufort County, South Carolina, and had ten availability customers.

According to its Application, South Atlantic opines that it has operated the May River Plantation Community water system at a loss in the year 2006, thus the Company suggests a rate increase is needed to insure a positive return on investment. There are presently twenty-six customers in the May River Plantation, and South Atlantic expects that number to remain the same.

## THE PRESENT RATES AND PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

### PRESENT RATES

### PROPOSED RATES

\$22.00 for the first 10,000 gallons per month	\$34.00 for 10, 000 gallons per month
\$1.00 for each additional 1000 gallons over 10,000 gallons per month	\$2.00 per 1000 gallons up to 20,000 gallons
	\$2.50 per 1000 gallons for 20,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons
	\$3.00 per 1000 gallons beyond 40,000 gallons

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P.O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, South Atlantic Utilities, Inc.'s Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, S.C. on **Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 10:30 am.** 

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Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **October 15**, **2007** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-319-W*.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Thomas A. Smith, III, Manager, South Atlantic Utilities, Inc., Post Office Box 13705, Savannah, Georgia 31416 on or before **October 15, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-319-W*.

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify before October 29, 2007, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Thomas A. Smith, III, Manager, South Atlantic Utilities, Inc., Post Office Box 13705, Savannah, Georgia 31416. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-319-W*.

Any person, who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before October 15, 2007. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-319-W*.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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